regarding all theapplications made to Government for appointment we shall try to collect that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether the Government will be able to consider the applications of those unrepresented communities favourably in making appointments early next year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That has been answered several times. Of course they will be considered.

Statistics on the growth of foreign trade.

308. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question 37, dated 31st July 1953, regarding the growth of our Foreign trade, will the Government state whether any attempts were made to collect statistics ; and

if made, the nature and result of the attempts, and if not made, the reasons for the same ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No.

At present there is no agency to collect such statistics.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, why the Government could not collectthese statistics for themselves?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It is very difficult to collect these statistics. Goods are imported into Cochin and exported from the State. You want the value of those articles. There is no possibility to collect those figures. We have no agency to collect those figures. We have got transport from Chittur to Pollachi and other places by bullock carts and head loads.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether the Government have considered the desirability of having some agency for collecting such information?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Even if such an agency is introduced it is not possible to collect this information. We have to post men at all the railway stations and then we have to see whether all the articles are intended for Cochin, Travancore or British.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the Government aware that some other Governments keep statistics?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We are not aware of that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—My enquiry was whether the Government has thought it necessary to have some agency to collect such statistics.

President.—The Hon'ble Member replied to that.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Have the Government any idea of the production and consumption of the State, agricultural, industrial and every thing?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We have no information.

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